

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY

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EO 11652:N/A  
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SUBJECT: U.S./ARGENTINE BILATERAL FEB 7  
REF: 77 STATE 213490

1. A U.S.-ARGENTINE BILATERAL MTN MEETING HAS BEEN FIXED  
FOR TUESDAY, FEB 7. ARGENTINES HAVE SENT A HIGH-POWERED  
TEAM TO GENEVA FOR THIS WEEK'S MEETING OF MTN MEAT AND  
DAIRY SUBGROUP MEETING. AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ'S SCHEDULED  
BILATERAL MEETING WITH ME ON FEB 7 IS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE  
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OF THEIR PRESENCE IN GENEVA TO HAVE AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION  
WITH U.S. DEL. ARGENTINE DEL FOR MEETING WILL INCLUDE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THEIR NATIONAL MEAT BOARD AND SEVERAL  
EXPERTS FROM BOTH THE MEAT BOARD AND THEIR AGRICULTURE  
DEPARTMENT.

2. WE URGENTLY NEED A QUALIFIED USDA SPOKESMAN ON U.S.

HEALTH AND SANITARY REGULATIONS AND POLICY CONCERNING  
HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS BILATERAL  
MEETING. IDEALLY SPOKESMAN WOULD BE DRAWN FROM U.S.  
EXPERTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN MARCH 21,1977 BILATERAL  
ON THIS ISSUE. (REFTEL). THE ACCELERATED PACE OF MTN WILL  
NOT OFFER MANY WINDOWS FOR INTENSIVE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS  
WITH ARGENTINA, THUS WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE  
FOR US TO SIMPLY LISTEN TO ARGENTINE PITCH AND REPORT  
IT TO WASHINGTON. IF U.S. JUDGEMENT IS THERE IS NO  
(OR VIRTUALLY NO) HOPE OF DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IMPROVED  
ACCESS TO U.S. MARKET FOR FRESH, CHILLED, OR FROZEN  
ARGENTINE BEEF DURING MTN TIME-FRAME, WE SHOULD TELL THEM  
SO CANDIDLY (WITH AUTHORITATIVE EXPLANATION OF REASONS)  
SO AS NOT TO DELUDE THEM. IF, ON OTHER HAND, SOME  
AMELIORATION IS CONCEIVABLE, WE SHOULD SEIZE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN WHAT MIGHT BE DONE AND SET UP A  
PROGRAM TO SET IT IN MOTION.

3. ARGENTINE TEAM NEXT TUESDAY WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE  
IN ADDITION TO AMB MARTINEZ, THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADORS  
TO BRUSSELS AND PARIS, THE ECON/COMM COUNSELOR IN  
WASHINGTON, THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL MEAT  
BOARD INCLUDING THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TWO EXPERTS FROM  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (ONE AN EXPERT ON HEALTH AND  
SANITARY REGULATIONS) AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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FROM BUENOS AIRES. AIRS

4. IF USDA/FAS UNABLE TO SEND AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL  
FROM WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE ON FEB 7, PLEASE ADVISE  
BY IMMEDIATE CABLE IF THERE IS SOMEONE WE MIGHT DRAW  
ON FROM A U.S. MISSION IN A EUROPEAN CAPITAL.

5. DRAFTED BY CULBERT. MCDONALD

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